

Remarks:

Claims 1-9, 11-16, 19, 21-27, 29-30, 32-37, 39-52, 56-62, 64-65 and 67-72 are currently pending in the application. Claims 10, 17-18, 20, 28, 31, 38, 53-55, 63 and 66 have been canceled.

Objections to the Claims

By amendment, Applicant has addressed the informalities in claims 1, 6, 10, 13, 17-18, 20, 30-31, 38, 44, 47, 53-54, 57-58 that had formed the basis of objections to those claims and claims depending therefrom. The remaining claims were reviewed for informalities, resulting in several additional corrections. Applicant respectfully submits that all grounds for objection have thus been removed.

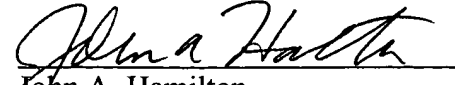
Rejections of the Claims

Claims 10-11, 17-18, 20, 28, 31, 33, 35, 37-38, 53-55, 63, 66, 68 and 70 were rejected on various references alone and/or in various combinations. As noted above, claims 10, 17-18, 20, 28, 31, 38, 53-55, 63 and 66 have been canceled, leaving claims 11, 33, 35, 37, 68 and 70 from the originally filed claims remaining rejected. All of these claims have been amended to now depend from an allowable base claim, thereby removing this ground for rejection.

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in a condition for allowance, and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Please feel free to contact the undersigned with any questions that may remain at (617) 854-4000.

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